Meningitis in Madhya Pradesh

2027. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times of 12th February, 1992 under the caption "meningitis hits Madhya Pradesh";

(b) whether it is a fact that 33 persons succumbed to meningitis, vomitting and dysentery in the tribal Bastar Division of Madhya Pradesh during the last one month;

(c) if so, what are the causes of the disease; and

(d) the extent of medical assistance provided by Government to save the lives of the tribal people of Bastar living in the area.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have reported that total number of attacks and deaths due to meningitis, gastroenteritis and dysentery during January, 1992 in Bastar District were as under:—

	Attacks	Deaths
Meningitis	32	6
Gastroenteritis	386	35
Dysentery	185	5

(c) and (d) Outbreaks of gastroenteritis and dysentery occur primarily due to contamination of drinking water sources. The State Government have informed that they have provided an additional amount of Rs. 16.70 lakhs for medicines etc. in the affected areas. Actions have been taken for chlorination of water and installation of hand-pumps in the affected area. Nine special teams of medical and para-medical personnel are at present working in the are. Special arrangements for provision of safe drinking water for big social gathering like melas, fairs etc. are being made. State Government have also undertaken mass health education programme in the area for prevention and treatment of these diseases.

Quality of Unani Medicines

2028. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of many Unani medicines of CGHS has been challenged many times;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not taken action against the officers responsible therefor; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what further action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Complaints regarding the quality of Unani medicines have been received occasionally for which corrective measures were taken.

(c) The rejected stocks were returned to the firms and they were instructed to improve their quality.

मलेरिया के औषधों की कमी

2029. **कुमारी सुशीला तिरिया:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 7 अक्तूबर, 1991 के "दि टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया" के मुम्बई संस्करण में "गवनमेंट इन्गोर्स शार्टेज आफ मलेरिया ड्रग्स" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; क्या इस संबंध में कोई जांच की गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसके निष्कर्ष क्या हैं और इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिए क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है; और

(घ) क्या इससे मलेरिया ग्रस्त राज्यों जैसे मध्य प्रदेश और उड़ीसा पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ): (क) जी हां, भारत सरकार ने इस समाचार मद को देखा है।

(ख) और (ग) नवम्बर, 1990 से जुलाई, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान प्राइमाक्विन गोलियों की कमी थी जो मलेरिया नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम में उपयोग की जाने वाली